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For: "Comparator For Time-Temperature Indicator"

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicants in the above-identified U.S. patent application respectfully petition for an extension of time of three (3) months.

The time for responding to the Office Action dated April 3, 2001 was a three (3) month period expiring on July 3, 2001. The three (3) month extension of time extends the time set for response to October 3, 2001.

Please charge the fee set by 37 CFR 1.17(a) to the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Patent Office Deposit No. 19-2201 in the amount of \$920.00.

This is a CPA of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/244,961 filed on February 4, 1999.

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the above captioned patent application. Applicant hereby respectfully requests that examination and prosecution of the instant application proceed upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

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